

present, the light signals favor traffic along Gannon Avenue. This should be changed to favor those along Arendel Avenue from the railroad tracks to the proposed interchange.

By looking at the Town map, one cannot fail to observe that the downtown is no longer centrally located as it once must have been. The direction of future growth will be such that the current downtown would be even more off-center. It means that more people would have to travel longer distance in order to get to the "center" of the town. It also means that more people would have to use automobiles in trying to overcome time and distance.

Zebulon's downtown therefore is under pressure to either move to a new geographically central location or to provide more parking accommodations in the present downtown and to reduce the traffic friction along the main thoroughfares as well. Zebulon may have to accede to both to some extent. More parking areas, paved and conveniently located, would definitely help to combat the central area's tendency to shift northward, although in the latest zoning amendment, a new zone -- the Office and Institutional District, has been located just to the north of the present central business district. The main purpose of this district is to allow certain types of commercial activity to move into this transitional area while not offering serious land-use competition to the downtown.

Additional considerations that warrant prompt attention have been briefly mentioned above. Their inclusion would hopefully make this analysis a more comprehensive one. Any subsequent developments concerning the neighborhood should be duly brought up and analyzed in follow-up studies at some future date.